



MARINE INVERTEBRATES

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After seeing the pleas for a new editor of Marine Invertebrates, I decided to attempt compiling a list of new issues. While my interests are more towards paleontological themes, I do quite enjoy the beauty of marine invertebrates as presented on stamps. In compiling the list below, I started with 2019 issues assigned Scott numbers starting in the May, 2019 *Linn's Stamp News* issue as it appeared that these new issues were not in the last listing. This list compiles every marine invertebrate and select freshwater and terrestrial invertebrates (snails, land crabs, etc.) published in 2019-2021 in the *Linn's* updates from May, 2019 to July, 2021.

New Listings

Scott#	Denom	Common Name/Scientific Name	Family/Subfamily	Code
ALDERNEY (GREAT BRITAIN) 2020, January 21				
662	65p	Shore Crab	Indeterminate	A
664	80p	Beadlet Anemone, <i>Actinia equina</i>	Actiniidae	A
665	90p	Ormer (type of abalone)	Haliotidae	A
666	98p	Cushion stars, <i>Culcita novaeguineae</i>	Oreasteridae	A
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA 2020, May 20				
3574a-d and 3575	various	Spotted Cleaner Shrimp, <i>Periclimenes yucatanicus</i>	Palaemonidae	A
3576, 3577	various	Sea Shells	Indeterminate	S/U
BELGIUM June 17, 2019				
2896b	€1.40	Star-shaped objects in nature – shows a starfish	Indeterminate	A
CARIBBEAN NETHERLANDS – BONAIRE 2020, July 1				
122a	75c	Queen Conch, <i>Lobatus gigas</i>	Strombidae	A
123b	75c	Caribbean spiny lobster, <i>Panulirus argus</i>	Palinuridae	A
CHINA (TAIWAN) 2019, January 24				
4460	\$13	Dongsha Coral Reef and Yellowfish	Not applicable	G
2020, April 24				
4531	\$6	Oysters and Cigu lagoon	Indeterminate	B
2021, January 20				
4576	\$8	Sea Lavender off Dongjiyu, and giant Triton	Charoniidae	C
CHRISTMAS ISLAND 2020, August 17				
594	\$1.10	Bright-eyed Crab, <i>Chiromantes garfunkel</i>	Sesarmidae	A
595	\$1.10	Kuhl's Ghost Crab, <i>Ocypode kuhlii</i>	Ocypodidae	A
596	\$2.20	Red Nipper, <i>Geograpsus stormi</i>	Grapsidae	A
597	\$2.20	White Striped Crab, <i>Labuanium vitatum</i>	Sesarmidae	A
COOK ISLANDS May 30, 2019				
1628e	50c	Coconut Crab, <i>Birgus latro</i>	Coenobitidae	A

CROATIA**2019, May 15**

C6a-d	8.60k	Marine Life ¹	Not applicable	A
C6a		Spiral Fan Worm, <i>Bispira volutacornis</i>	Sabellidae	A
C6b		Sea urchin, <i>Sphaerechinus grannularis</i>	Toxopneustidae	A
C6c		Nudibranch, <i>Peltodoris atromaculata</i>	Discodorididae	A
C6d		Mediterranean Moray Eel – a fish, <i>Muraena helena</i>		

2020, February 14

1163	20l	Sea sponge, <i>Suberites domuncula</i>	Suberitida	A
1164	50l	Yellow sea whip, <i>Eunicella cavolini</i>	Gorgoniidae	A
1165	10k	Starfish, <i>Hacelia attenuata</i>	Ophidiasteridae	A

CURAÇAO**2019, March 19**

362	68c	Hermit crab, <i>Pylopagurus discoidalis</i>	Paguridae	A
363	1	Starfish, <i>Linckia nodosa</i>	Ophidasteridae	A
364	2	Adanson's slit shell, <i>Entemnotrochus adansonianus</i>	Pleurotomariidae	A
365	319c	Brittle star, <i>Ophlarachnella petersi</i>	Ophiodermatidae	A
366	456c	Flame scallop, <i>Mantellina translucens</i>	Limidae	A
367	711c	<i>Calliostoma rosewateri</i>	Calliostomatidae	A

DJIBOUTI**2019, June 12**

1728a-d	250fr	Fish and Coral	Not Applicable	B
1728a		<i>Paracanthurus hepatus</i> with coral <i>Acabaria splendens</i> ²	Melithaeidae	B
1728b		<i>Pomacanthus xanthometopan</i> with coral <i>Zoanthus gigantus</i>	Zoanthidae	B
1728c		<i>Pomacanthus imperator</i> with coral <i>Discosoma nummiforme</i>	Discosomidae	B
1728d		<i>Balistoides conspicillum</i> with coral <i>Ricordea florida</i>	Ricordeidae	B
1738	1000fr	<i>Zebrasoma desjardini</i> with coral <i>Annella mollis</i>	Subergorgiidae	B

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**2019, October 9**

1655a-l	20p	Corals (sheet of 10 issues)	Not applicable	A
1655a		<i>Plexaurella nutans</i>	Plexauridae	A
1655b		<i>Madracis auretenra</i>	Pocilloporidae	A
1655c		Black fish over <i>Montastraea cavernosa</i>	Montastraeidae	A
1655d		<i>Antipathes gracilis</i>	Antipathidae	A
1655e		<i>Acropora palmata</i>	Acroporidae	A
1655f		Yellow <i>Montastraea cavernosa</i>	Montastraeidae	A
1655g		<i>Orbicella annularis</i>	Merulinidae	A
1655h		Two fish over <i>Colpophyllia natans</i>	Mussidae	A
1655i		<i>Icilligorgia schrammi</i>	Anthothelidae	A
1655j		Fish and close up view of <i>Colpophyllia natans</i>	Mussidae	A
1655k		<i>Stylaster rosens</i>	Stylasteridae	A
1655l		<i>Mycetophyllia aliciae</i>	Mussidae	A
1656a-l	20p	Corals (sheet of 10 issues)	Not applicable	A
1656a		<i>Acropora cervicornis</i>	Acroporidae	A
1656b		<i>Neospongodes portoricensis</i>	Nepthidae	A
1656c		<i>Mycetophyllia ferox</i>	Faviidae	A
1656d		<i>Dendrogyra cylindrus</i>	Meandrinidae	A
1656e		<i>Pseudopterogorgia sp.</i>	Gorgoniidae	A

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (continued)

1656f	<i>Tubastrea coccinea</i>	Dendrophylliidae	A
1656g	<i>Antipathes caribbeana</i>	Antipathidae	A
1656h	<i>Orbicella faveolate</i>	Merulinidae	A
1656i	<i>Millepora complenata</i>	Milleporidae	A
1656j	<i>Agaricia tenuifolia</i>	Agariciidae	A
1656k	<i>Gorgonia ventalina</i>	Gorgoniidae	A
1656l	<i>Helioseris cucullate</i>	Agariciidae	A

FRENCH POLYNESIA**2019, May 24** (Marine Life in Protected Reserve)

1227	100fr	Various animals	G
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FRENCH SOUTHERN & ANTARCTIC TERRITORIES**2019, January 2**

606	€1.70	<i>Zanclorhynchus spinifer</i> with starfish and sponges in background	Not applicable	C
615a	70c	<i>Falsimargarita gemma</i>	Calliostomatidae	A
615b	95c	<i>Trophonella scotiana</i>	Muricidae	A
615c	€1.35	<i>Trophonella shackletoni</i>	Muricidae	A

2020, January 2

634a	€1.45	<i>Psychroteuthis glacialis</i>	Psychroteuthidae	A
634b	€1.55	<i>Pareledone turqueti</i>	Megaleledonidae	A

GRENADA**2019, February 6**

4319a-c	various	Depictions of Sunfish – margin of souvenir sheet has coral reef	Not applicable	Z
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2019, April 18

4328a-d	various	Hermit Crabs	Not applicable	A
4328a	\$4	Caribbean hermit crab, <i>Coenobita clypeatus</i>	Coenobitidae	A
4328b	\$5	Giant hermit crab, <i>Petrochirus diogenes</i>	Diogenidae	A
4328c	\$6	Stareye hermit crab, <i>Dardanus venosus</i>	Diogenidae	A
4328d	\$7	Red reef hermit crab, <i>Paguristes cadenati</i>	Diogenidae	A
4329a-b	\$8	both issues show Caribbean hermit crab, <i>Coenobita clypeatus</i>	Coenobitidae	A

HONG KONG**2019, July 16**

2016	\$2.60	Jellyfish	Indeterminate	A
2020	\$5.00	Fish, sea cucumber and corals	Not applicable	B
2020b		Selva of souvenir sheet of issues 2015-2020 has coral across lower margin		Z

INDONESIA**2019, November 5**

2515b	10,000r	Sulaesi harlequin shrimp – freshwater, <i>Caridina woltereckae</i>	Atyidae	A
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ISRAEL**2020, February 4**

2250	16s	<i>Chlorurus</i> and other fish, sea anemones and corals	Indeterminate	C
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JAPAN**2019, August 20** (Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park)

4315	¥210	View of corals and sponges on seafloor		C
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2019, November 6

4357g	¥63	Stylized lobster	Indeterminate	S
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2020, May 14

4395a	¥63	Snail	Indeterminate	S
4395b	¥63	Shell spiral	Indeterminate	S

JAPAN (continued)

4395c	¥63	Starfish	Indeterminate	S
4395d	¥63	Conch shell	Indeterminate	S
4395e	¥63	Scallop	Indeterminate	S

2020, June 1

4402i	¥63	Sea shell	Not labeled	A
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2020, June 19

4408f	¥84	Jellyfish	Indeterminate	S
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2020, July 1

4409j (and margin of souvenir sheet)	¥84	Clownfish in anemone	Indeterminate	C
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KOREA, SOUTH**2019, June 5**

2548a-d	380w	Corals		A
2548a		<i>Dendronephthya suenoni</i>	Nephthidae	A
2548b		<i>Dendronephthya molis</i>	Nephthidae	A
2548c		<i>Dendronephthya putteri</i>	Nephthidae	A
2548d		<i>Dendronephthya alba</i>	Nephthidae	A

MARSHALL ISLANDS**2019, March 29**

1229	5c	Portuguese man o'war, <i>Physalia physalis</i>	Physaliidae	A
1231	35c	Peacock Mantis Shrimp, <i>Odontodactylus scyllarus</i>	Odontodactylidae	A

2019, May 17

1237a	\$2	Spotted Jellyfish, <i>Phyllorhiza punctata</i> ?	Mastigiidae	A
1237b	\$2	Crown Jellyfish (species unclear)	Cepheidae	A
1237c	\$2	Moon Jellyfish, <i>Aurelia aurita</i>	Ulmaridae	A
1238	\$5	Same species	Ulmaridae	A

2020, May 22

1265	\$2.20	Christmas Tree Worm, <i>Spirobranchus giganteus</i>	Serpulidae	A
1267	\$21.10	Vase Sponge, <i>Callyspongia plicifera</i>	Callyspongiidae	A

MONACO**2019, March 15**

2967	€1.30	Mediterranean Science Commission Centennial with Starfish	Not Applicable	C
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2020, January 6 (Oceanographic Museum of Monaco)

3012a-c	various	Unidentified corals and fish		G
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NEVIS**2020, January 6**

2002b	\$3	Equal Sea star, <i>Mediaster aequalis</i>	Goniasteridae	A
2002c	\$4	Purple Sea Urchin, <i>Arbacia punctuata</i>	Arbaciidae	A
2002d	\$5	Mountain Crab, <i>Gecarcinus ruricola</i>	Gecarcinidae	A

NEW CALEDONIA**2020, July 1**

1264	210fr	Sea Fans resembling people kissing	Not Applicable	S
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PALAU**2019, January 1**

1426	\$4	Golden Jellyfish, <i>Mastigias papua</i>	Mastigiidae	A
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2019, April 21

1427a-d and 1428	various	Strawberry hermit crab, <i>Coenobita periatatus</i>	Coenobitidae	A
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PALAU (continued)**2019, May 1**1429a-c, 1430a-c, and 1431 various Mimic Octopus, *Thaumoctopus mimicus* Octopodidae A**2019, June 14**

1434b 55c Fish and coral Indeterminate C

2019, December 27

1442a-c, 1443a-b various Maroon clownfish with anemones Indeterminate C

1444a \$1 Lion's Mane Jellyfish, *Cyanea capillata* Cyaneidae A

1444b \$1.50 Same species Cyaneidae A

1444c \$2 Moon Jellyfish, *Aurelia aurita* Ulmaridae A

1444d \$2.50 Same species Ulmaridae A

1445 \$5 White Spotted Jellyfish, *Phyllorhiza punctata* Mastigiidae A**PHILIPPINES****2019, November 20**

3837a-e 25p Deep sea shrimps Indeterminate A

3837a Brilliant red carid, *Acanthephyra armata* Acanthephyridae A3837b Domino shrimp, *Parapenaeus sextuberculatus* Penaeidae A3837c Mino nylon shrimp, *Heterocarpus sibogae* Pandalidae A3837d Rock shrimp, *Sicyonia parajaponica* Sicyoniidae A3837e Narwal soldier shrimp, *Plesionika narval* Pandalidae A**PITCAIRN ISLANDS****2019, October 23**865 20c *Heterocentrotus mamillatus* Echinometridae A866 \$1 *Brissus latecarinatus* Brissidae A867 \$3 *Neoferdina cumingi* Goniasteridae A868 \$4.60 *Macrophiothrix demessa* Ophiotrichidae A**SAN MARINO****2021, March 30**2095 €1.15 *Potamon fluviatile* (freshwater crab) Potamididae A**SOUTH GEORGIA & SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS****2020, October 15**

622 10p Krill (no species recorded on stamp) Euphausiidae A

SRI LANKA**2020, March 3**2233 15r Land snail, *Acavus haemastoma* Acavidae A2247 15r Slate pencil urchin, *Heterocentrotus mamillatus* Echinometridae A**SURINAM****2019, February 13**

1560a-h various Marine Life of the Marianas Trench A

1560a C Pelagic Umbrella Octopus, *Grimpoteuthis* sp. Opisthoteuthidae A1560c \$10 Arctic Comb Jelly, *Martensia ovum* Mertensiidae A1560e \$15 Isopod, *Munnopsis* sp. Munnopsidae A1560h \$30 Glowing Sucker Octopus, *Stauroteuthis syrtensis* Stauroteuthidae A**TRISTAN DA CUNHA****2019, April 10** (Tristan da Cunha Lobster Fisheries)1153-1156 various (1156 – *Jasus tristani* lobster) Palinuridae A**TUVALU****2019, May 1**1445a-c, 1446a-c, and 1447 various Day Octopus, *Octopus cyanea* Octopodidae A

UNITED NATIONS**New York****2019, April 26**1213 \$1.15 Queen Conch, *Strombus gigas* Strombidae A**Vienna****2019, April 26**636 90c *Acropora* spp. Acroporidae A**UNITED STATES****2019, March 29**5363 55c Elkhorn Coral and French Angelfish, *Acropora palmata* Acroporidae S5364 55c Brain Coral and Moray Eel (probably *Diploria* sp.) Mussidae S5365 55c Pillar Coral, Grouper and Neon Gobies, *Dendrogyra cylindricus* Meandrinidae S5366 55c Staghorn Coral and Blue-striped Grunts, *Acropora cervicornis* Acroporidae S**Footnotes:**

¹Croatia C6a-d – Linn's stamp News (August 19, 2019) issue shows a picture of the 2015 issue instead of the 2019 issue.

²*Acabaria splendens* has been reassigned to *Melithaea splendens*.

Selected Upcoming issues of interest

Here are a few issues that have caught my eye that may be of interest. They have not been assigned Scott numbers yet.

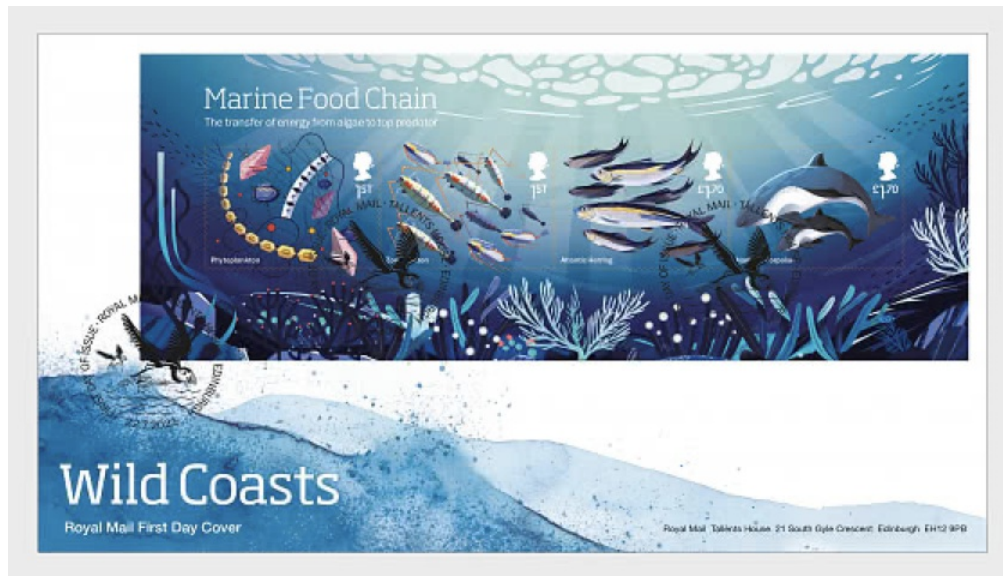


Norfolk Island has a very attractive set of 2 land snail stamps that were issued on June 22nd, 2021. In the 35 square kilometers (13.5 square miles) of the island, approximately 70 endemic species of land snails have been described. Roughly 50 species are extant, with 5 species critically endangered. The \$1.10 issue depicts an individual of *Greenwoodoconcha nux*. This species prefers living in leaf litter and under bark on logs. Their shells are dark red-brown in color, with a spiral pattern of linear grooves. It is a member of the family Microcystidae. The \$2.20 stamp shows an individual of the Assimineid *Duritropis albocarinata*. *Duritropis*'s shell is very colorful – ranging from yellow and orange to red and purple-brown. The whorl is characterized by wavy ribs. It also prefers leaf litter and grazes on logs and endemic plants.

As part of its Protected Areas of Portugal stamps, Portugal released a stamp with a fossil bivalve as part of the set of images representing the Serras de Aire e Candeeiros Park on July 2, 2021. While this stamp also fits in the prehistoric life section of Biophilately, it also falls into this category. The fossil is Jurassic in age and lived in the shallow marine seas that covered much of Europe during this period when global sea level was much higher.



Great Britain produced a fascinating set of stamps on July 22nd – Great Britain's Wild Coasts. The souvenir sheet shows a stylized view of a marine food chain – with a view of zooplankton including



some tiny arthropods. In addition, a set of 10 stamps focused on larger animals, and included the following marine invertebrates: the Common Cuttlefish, the Spiny Spider Crab, the Fried-egg Anemone, and a Cold-water Coral Reef.

Slovakia issued a stamp honoring the Denovska Cave of Liberty on June 30, 2021. The stamp shows an individual of *Niphargus tatrensis* found in the caves in central Europe. It is an amphipod crustacean in the family Niphargidae that is a troglobite (an animal that is found strictly in underground habitats).



Upcoming Issues References

Great Britain Wild Coasts: <https://www.collectgbstamps.co.uk/explore/issues/?issue=23060>

Norfolk Island Land Snails <https://australiapostcollectables.com.au/stamp-issues/norfolk-island-land-snails.html>

Portugal: <https://www.wopa-plus.com/en/stamps/product/&pid=68651>

Slovakia: <https://www.wopa-plus.com/en/stamps/product/&pid=68068>